

Amendments to the Claims

Please make the following amendments to the Claims:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing vibration originating from at least one storage device, comprising the steps of:

providing an enclosure chassis configured to store at least one storage device;

providing a mounting surface oriented vertically and coupled to the enclosure chassis to form one wall of a drive bay, the mounting surface configured for receiving a horizontally oriented storage device carrier;

providing a first layer on the mounting surface;

providing a second layer on the mounting surface; and

providing a viscoelastic layer disposed between the first and second layer of the mounting surface for reducing vibration propagation throughout the mounting surface; and

providing an interface shelf oriented horizontally and coupled to the enclosure chassis such that the interface shelf isolates horizontal storage device bays above the interface shelf from storage device bays below the interface shelf.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

providing a first layer on the enclosure chassis;

providing a second layer on the enclosure chassis; and

providing a viscoelastic layer disposed between the first and second layer of the enclosure chassis, for reducing vibration propagation throughout the enclosure chassis.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

providing a storage device carrier for retaining a storage device;

securing a receiver to the mounting surface for receiving the storage device carrier;

and

coupling at least one clip-on damped spring to the storage device carrier, for resiliently coupling the storage device carrier between a receiver formed in the mounting surface and the mounting surface.

24-30. (Cancelled)